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BLM director approves copper mining operation for San Juan

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Last week, the United States Bureau of Land Management's Moab district office announced the federal agency's completion and the availability of the record of decision for an open-pit copper mining and recovery operation in Lisbon Valley.

The ROD grants approval to Summo USA Corporation, a Denver-based company in Colorado, to mine in a manner consistent with the company's proposal plan of operations as modified by mitigation and alternatives identified in the final environmental impact statement prepared for the action.

The notice of availability of the ROD was scheduled to be published in the *Federal Register* on or about April 1.

The mine would be located in San Juan County, approximately 18 miles southeast of LaSal in lower Lisbon Valley. The operation would occur in an area of historic copper production activities, first mined in the

1880s and last mined in 1958.

Summo's proposal, originally submitted in August 1995, would involve 1,103 acres of public, state and private lands. The operation is designed to mine an average of 12,500 tons of ore per day and to produce 34 million pounds of 99.99 percent pure copper cathodes per year. Summo would employ up to 143 people during peak operation.

The mining operation would be subject to comply with mitigation and long-term monitoring stipulations identified in the FEIS and ROD, developed to reduce the potential for environmental impacts.

In consultation with the state and BLM, Summo would be required to post an initial reclamation bond of \$8.6 million dollars.

Additionally, the FEIS and ROD identify the requirement to evaluate and possibly estab-

lish a long-term reclamation bond at the end of the fifth year, which would be based on monitoring data and additional geohydrologic characterization. The need for the bond may run for a period of 25 years after mining operations are completed. Release of the bond would be contingent on the results of long-term monitoring indicating no adverse impacts to the environmental.

The FEIS was made available for a 30-day review period, which ended March 17.

With final approval of the ROD by the Utah state BLM director, Summo is authorized to begin operations.

A 30-day appeal period is provided by regulation, starting on the date of publication of the notice of availability of the ROD in the *Federal Register*.

Copies of the ROD are available at the BLM district office, 82 E. Dogwood Ave. in Moab.

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